(d) by what time it would be fully implemented?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) The Mega City policing is a component of the scheme for modernization of State Police Forces (MPF Scheme), a non-Plan Scheme being implemented by the Ministry of Home Affairs. Mega City policing covers 7 (seven) cities namely Mumbai, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Chennai, Delhi, Kolkata and Ahmedabd. Assistance is given to States for Mega Cities based on individual city-specific plans formulated by the States and approved by the Central Government. Under MPF Scheme financial assistance is given to 6 (six) Mega Cities except Delhi for acquiring vehicles, communication equipments, weaponry, equipments like Night vision devices, GPS/GIS for dial 100 system and patrol cars, surveillance camera systems, CCTV systems, security equipment like portable x-ray machines, vehicle scanner, vehicle number plate identification system, etc.

For the NCT of Delhi, funds are released to Delhi Police for modernisation of Police Forces under a separate modernisation scheme for UTs, starting from the year 2006-07.

Meeting over the issue of Gorkhaland

1018. SHRI TARINI KANTA ROY: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently some political persons had a meeting with Government on the issue of "Gokhaland";

(b) if so, the details of the meeting; and

(c) whether Union Government has given any assurance to the delegation on this issue?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) The first round of tripartite discussions on the demands made by Gorkha Janmukti Morcha (GJM) and others regarding Gorkhaland issue was held on September 8, 2008 at the behest of the Government of West Bengal. The representatives of the State Government of West Bengal, Union Government and others concerned, including GJM, attended the meeting. The tripartite meeting was held to enable GJM and the other parties to put forth their viewpoints on the issues involved so as to provide better understanding of the same to the representatives of the State Government as well as Government of India.

Special Squads to tackle terrorism

1019. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direction has been given to set up Special Squads to tackle terrorism;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether it is proposed to grant funds for setting up of Special Squads;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (d) Besides providing assistance to the States under the Police modernisation Scheme for strengthening and modernizing State police force, the Government of India has also been providing assistance to the States to raise India Reserve Battalion (IR Bn), with the stipulation that at least 25% of the strength in each Bn. should be raised as Special Task Force to counter various threats like naxalism and other form of militancy.

In addition to the above, it is also proposed to augment the National Security Guards (NSG) with additional facilities and manpower, and to establish for Regional Centres of the NSG in different parts of the country.

Based on further reviews of the scheme, it has been decided that 2 Coys in each Bn be raised as specialized Commando Bns and Provision has also been made for additional financial assistance to the tune of Rs.3 crores per Bin. for mobility, Specialized equipments, etc., It has also been decided to set up 20 Counter-Insurgency and Anti-Terrorism Schools in certain parts of the country under a Central Scheme.

(e) Does not arise.

Revised proposal of Government of Gujarat for coastal security

1020. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the original amount proposed by Government of Gujarat under the Coastal Security Scheme (CSS) and the amount granted/released by the Central Government;

(b) whether Government of Gujarat has submitted a revised proposal to upgrade additional 40 coastal police stations for coastal security; and

(c) if so, the present status of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI V. RADHIKA SELVI): (a) Government of Gujarat had submitted perspective plan for the State for Coastal Security Scheme on 30th May 2005 for an amount of Rs.321.71 crores which included Rs.249.61 crores for non-recurring and Rs.72.10 crores for recurring expenses.

Total amount of Rs.5842.60 lakh was approved for Gujarat under the Coastal Security Scheme in 2005. So far, an amount of Rs.816.00 lakh has been released to Government of Gujarat, which includes construction cost of 10 coastal police stations, 25 check posts, 46 out posts as well as lump-sum assistance for 10 PS and vehicles.